## GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
## ABSTRACT

PS – PR&RD Department - Allegations of irregularities in execution of works "G/M the road Rompivalasa to Pedda Seedhi" and "B.T. to the road from Romadala – Chakipalli Road to Seedhi (via) Makivalasa, Palakonda Division, Srikakulam District" – Disciplinary proceedings initiated against Smt.Y. Bharatha Lakshmi, the then Sr.Assistant, O/o the PAO, Srikakulam (Presently working in the O/o PAO, Srikakulam) - Regular inquiry conducted Charges held partly proved in the regular inquiry – Finalization of the disciplinary proceedings by imposing the punishment of withholding of one (1) annual grade increment without cumulative effect under Rule 9 (iv) of A.P.C.S (CC&A) Rules, 1991 - Orders – Issued.

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**PANCHAYAT RAJ AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (VIG.I) DEPARTMENT**

**G.O.Rt.No.619** **Dated:16 10.2023.**
**Read the following:**

(1)From the DG, GA (V&E) Department, Vigilance Report No.4 (C.No.325 /V&E/E2/2013), dated: 16.06.2015.
(2)From the ENC,PR, AP, Letter No. Vig. I (1)/286733/2016, dt :23.09.2016.
(3)U.O. Note No.72223-A/253/WA/Admn.II/2015,Finance Dept., Dated:12.05.2016.
(4) G.O Rt.No.282 PR&RD (Vig.I) Department, Dated:18.04.2017.
(5)From the ENC,PR, AP, Letter No. Vig.I(1)/286733/2016 dt:28.8.2018 along with written statement of defence of Smt.Y. Bharatha Lakshmi, the then Sr.Assistant, O/o the PAO, Srikakulam (Presently working in the O/o PAO, Srikakulam), dt:05.09.2017.
(6)G.O.Rt.No.581, PR&RD (Vig. I) Department, Dt: 09.09.2019.
(7)From Sri R.P. Sisodia, IAS, Commissioner of Inquiries, G.A. Department and Inquiring Authority, D.O. Letter No.143/COI0RPS/2019 dt:2.8.2021.
(8)Govt. Memo No. 9961/ Vig. I/2015, PR&RD (Vig. I) Department, dated:15.03.2022.
(9)From Smt.Y. Bharatha Lakshmi, the then Sr.Assistant,O/o the PAO, Srikakulam (Presently working in the O/o PAO, Srikakulam) Dated :25.04.2022.

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**ORDER:**

Based on the recommendations of Director General, General Administration(V&E)Department, disciplinary proceedings were initiated against Smt.Y. Bharatha Lakshmi, the then Sr.Assistant, O/o the PAO, Srikakulam (Presently working in the O/o PAO, Srikakulam) & 11 others on the allegations of irregularities in execution of works "G/M the road from Rompivalasa to Pedda Seedhi" and "B.T. to the road from Romadala – Chakipalli road to Seedhi (via) Makivalasa in Pathapatnam(M) taken up under NABARD(RIDF - XVI)" executed by the Panchayat Raj Department, under Rule 24 r/w Rule 20 of APCS Rules, 1991.

2. In the reference 3rd read above, the Finance Department have given their consent to initiate disciplinary action against three (3) PAO personnel (who are involved in the said irregularities) under common proceedings under Rule 24 of APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991.

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2. In the reference 4th read above, disciplinary proceedings were initiated duly framing articles of charge against Smt.Y. Bharatha Lakshmi, the then Sr. Assistant, O/o the PAO, Srikakulam (Presently working in the O/o PAO, Srikakulam) under Rule-20 of APCS (CC&A) Rules,1991 after obtaining consent of Finance Department on the allegations of irregularities in execution of works "G/M the road from Rompivalasa to Pedda Seedhi" and "B.T. to the road from Romadala – Chakipalli road to Seedhi (via) Makivalasa in Pathapatnam(M) taken up under NABARD(RIDF- XVI)" executed by the Panchayat Raj Departmentt, with a direction to submit his written statement of defence to the Government.

3. In the reference 5th read above, Engineer-in- Chief, Panchayat Raj, AP, Vijayawada has submitted the Written Statement of Defence of the Charged Officers Smt.Y. Bharatha Lakshmi, the then Sr. Assistant,O/o the PAO, Srikakulam (Presently working in the O/o PAO, Srikakulam). Government have not satisfied with the Written Statement Defences submitted by Charged Officers, have decided to conduct enquiry into the charges framed against above Charged Officers and (11) Charged Officers.

4. In the reference 6th read above, Government have appointed Sri R.P. Sisodia, IAS, Commissioner of Inquiries, General Administration Department as the Inquiry Authority under Rule 20 (2) of A.P.C.S (CC&A)Rules, 1991 to inquire into the charges against all the ( **12** ) Charged Officers of Srikakulam District on the allegation of irregularities in execution of works viz, (**i**) "G/M the road Rompivalasa to Pedda Seedhi, and (**ii**) "B.T. to the road from Romadala – Chakipalli Road to Seedhi (via) Makivalasa in Pathapatnam Mandal taken up under NABARD (RIDF-XVI)" executed in Palakonda Division of Srikakulam District.

5. In the reference 7th read above , the Inquiring Authority has submitted inquiry report along with his findings on each of the Charged Officers. The Inquiring authority has held that charge framed against Smt.Y. Bharatha Lakshmi, the then Sr.Assistant,O/o the PAO, Srikakulam (Presently working in the O/o PAO, Srikakulam) is 'partly proved'.

6. In the reference 8th read above, the inquiry report was communicated to the charged officers and among others, as per Rule 21(2) of APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991, for submitting her explanation, if any on the findings of the Inquiry Authority.

7. In the reference 9th read above, the charged officers Smt.Y. Bharatha Lakshmi, the then Sr.Assistant,O/o the PAO, Srikakulam (Presently working in the O/o PAO, Srikakulam), has submitted her explanation and requested to drop charges against her.

8. Government, after careful examination of the matter, have decided to accept the findings of Inquiry Authority and to impose a penalty of stoppage of one (1) annual grade increment without cumulative effect against Smt. Y.Bharatha Lakshmi, the then Sr. Assistant,O/o the PAO, Srikakulam (Presently working in the O/o PAO, Srikakulam).

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9. Accordingly, Government, hereby order to impose a penalty of "stoppage of one (1) annual grade increment without cumulative effect" under Rule-9 (iv) of A.P.Civil Services (CC&A) Rules, 1991 against Smt.Y. Bharatha Lakshmi, the then Sr.Assistant O/o the PAO, Srikakulam (Presently working in the O/o PAO, Srikakulam).

10. The Director of Works Accounts, A.P., Vijayawada is directed to take necessary action accordingly in the matter.

**(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)**

**B RAJSEKHAR**
**SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT**

To
Smt.Y. Bharatha Lakshmi, the then Sr.Assistant,
O/o the PAO, Srikakulam (Presently working in the
O/o PAO, Srikakulam), **through** Finance (WA-Admn.II) Dept.,
A.P. Secretariat, Velagapudai).
The Finance (WA-Admn.II)Department.
The Director of Works Accounts , A.P., Vijayawada.
The Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada
(with a request to serve the order to the individual and furnish a served copy to Govt.)
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The PS to Spl CS to Govt, PR&RD. Dept.,
SF/SC.

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